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- 1. Former German war installations at Mangalia, south of Constanta, were repaired under Soviet supervision and turned over to Rumanian Army units in September 1950. Near the village of Doi Mai there are two older German fortifications and one new fortification. From Mangalia to Eforie old installations have been repaired and guns emplaced. These installations are controlled by the Rumanians. From Constanta to Mamaia there are three concrete fortifications which are still under Soviet control because they are not finished. From Mamaia to the Midia area there are two fortifications.
- 2. Eleven kilometers west of Constanta, on the road to Medgidia, there are three ammunition dumps on the north side of the road. These ammunition dumps are guarded by Rumanian soldiers. At Ciocarlia, 32 kilometers west of Constanta, a Soviet air base is located. An unknown number of anti-aircraft guns ring this field. Other guns are located near Ciocarlia. While passing this site, a Soviet guard orders the driver of each car to proceed at full speed for one kilometer.
- An unspecified number of Soviet Air Force personnel were observed at Medgidia at the end of November 1950.
- 4. Rumanian troops are housed in barracks near the mountain areas above Cernavoda.
- 5. At Harsova, north of Cernavoda, a pontoon bridge with planks seven centimeters thick, is forming a bridgehead on either side of the Danube River.
- 6. All plans and documents on the Dambe-Black Sea Canal project are classified as secret. A geology laboratory to carry out project experiments concerning the moisture content in the soil has been set up. At present digging sites for the above experiments are being selected. The project director is the Rumanian Minister Hossu and a certain engineering director Grumberg.
- 7. Carts have been seen transporting white bricks. bricks were for lining blockhouses.

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8. Reportedly, on 22 November 1950 over one hundred Soviet aircraft were seen on an airfield one kilometer from Buzau. Troop movements were seen, although no tanks or artillery were observed during this period.

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- 9. At the village of Cislau on the Buzau-Nehoiu road there is an underground ammunition dump. This dump is guarded by Rumanian soldiers.
- 10. At the village of Maruntisu on the above road, there are oil storage tanks. These tanks are guarded by Rumanian soldiers.
- 11. In wooded areas nearby Nehoiu lookout posts have been erected presumably to aid in searching for possible guerrillas.
- 12. No Soviet troops have been observed inside Brasov although troops and equipment pass at night from the direction of an airfield eight kilometers from Brasov. All the homes of Jews and foreigners have been requisitioned.
- 13. The Astra Factory in Brasov is now making hand grenades. This factory has between six thousand to seven thousand employees who work in three shifts exclusively on Soviet railroad tank cars. The Sovromtractor plant (IAR) works in two shifts.
- 14. During October 1950 an order was issued to camouflage all factories in Brasov.
- 15. At Porjicura (sic) seven kilometers outside Brasov, anti-aircraft guns have been installed.
- 16. At the Brasov airfield there are 40 older type planes.
- 17. The Sovromiractor plant now employs 8,000 employees; plans have been revealed to enlarge the factory and to increase the personnel to 20,000.
- 18. The Bremer Bela Factory on the road to Cicu manufactures hand grenades. Workers have been ordered to keep silent about their work.
- 19. There is a Sovromtractor aircraft plant outside of Brasov. The Soviet technicians are seen only in Brasov.
- 20. The presence of aircraft spotters in Ploesti on the market place and on the Sfantu Ion Church tower has been confirmed. At Brezoiu, four kilometers north of Ploesti, one other observation post has been noted.
- 21. There is an electrical equipment factory at Crangu Lui Bot about ten kilometers from Ploesti. At Margineanca, nine kilometers from Ploesti, there is a war materiel factory. Six kilometers northeast of Ploesti, at the village of Pleasa near Crangu Lui Bot, a Soviet tank, car park, and repair depot is located in a forest.
- 22. A Soviet air force regiment is located at an airfield near Ploesti. Planes practice daily and searchlights are in use some nights. Soviet troops are located in barracks on Strada Cantacuzino and Calea Targsorului.
- 23. Anti-aircraft guns ring Ploesti. There are five or six guns to a battery and some batteries are only 20 meters apart.
- 24. The Vulcan Factory in Bucharest manufactures bridges, oil tanks, and machinery. This factory has been partially reconverted. As of the end of November 1950 one section manufactures mortars. About three thousand workers are employed at this factory.
- 25. During September 1950 an explosion killed 300 persons at the former Malaxa Factory in Bucharest. Reportedly, this factory is now manufacturing shells.
- 26. The Fabrica de Munite at Pantelimon is making hand grenades. This factory employs 600 workers.
- 27. The Otopeni airfield is now being enlarged. There are 1,000 workers working on this field and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1950.

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